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Foreword

It was September 16, 1908, that I became the bride of Edgar G. Alcorn, and thus automatically gained entree into the "Alcorn Family Circle."

When I entered the picture, there were only two of the boys married—John, a physician in Gallipolis and Robert, an attorney in Cincinnati. Albert, also an attorney in Cincinnati, and Garfield, a physician at the Ohio Penitentiary in Columbus, were married after Edgar and I.

At first, I was a little apprehensive of how I would fit into the picture—there were five boys and one girl, while I was raised an only child. But it proved quite an adventure for me. They all seemed to receive me with open arms, so to speak, and I was delighted with the whole family.

Among other "get-togethers" the holiday reunions were happy and joyful occasions. There was little boisterous and careless talking, no angry arguments and little "fussing"—even among the small fry, yet there was much gaiety and hilarity.

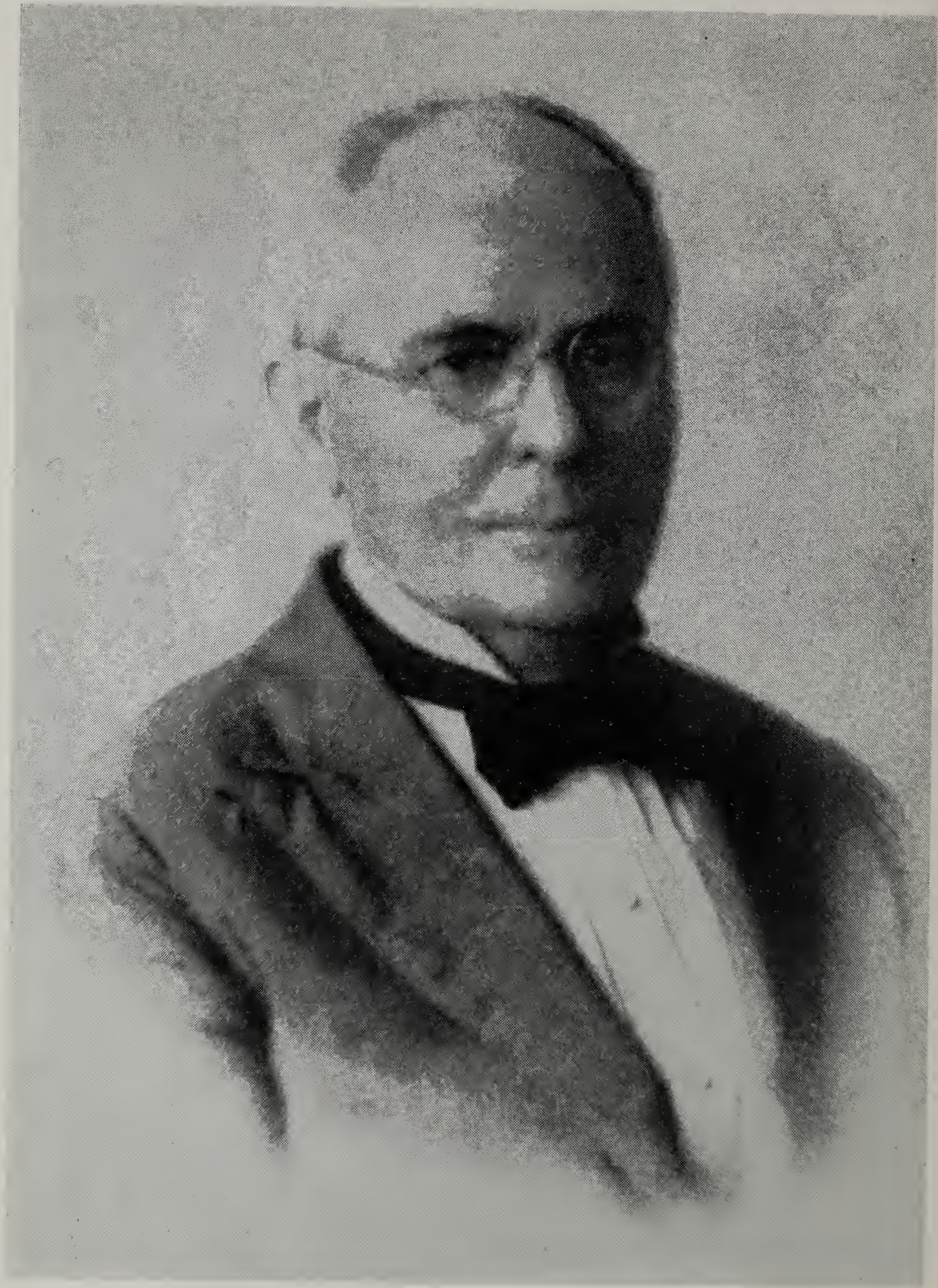
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From the side-lines, so to speak, I watched with admiration the success of the different members of the family—and by success I am not thinking of dollar success, but rather the achievements of each one in their fields of activity.

I have always been proud of my connection with the Alcorn family, and it is because of this that I entered into a vow with my husband that since we had no children, I would contribute something to the next generation more permanent than the usual family photographs and kodac pictures.

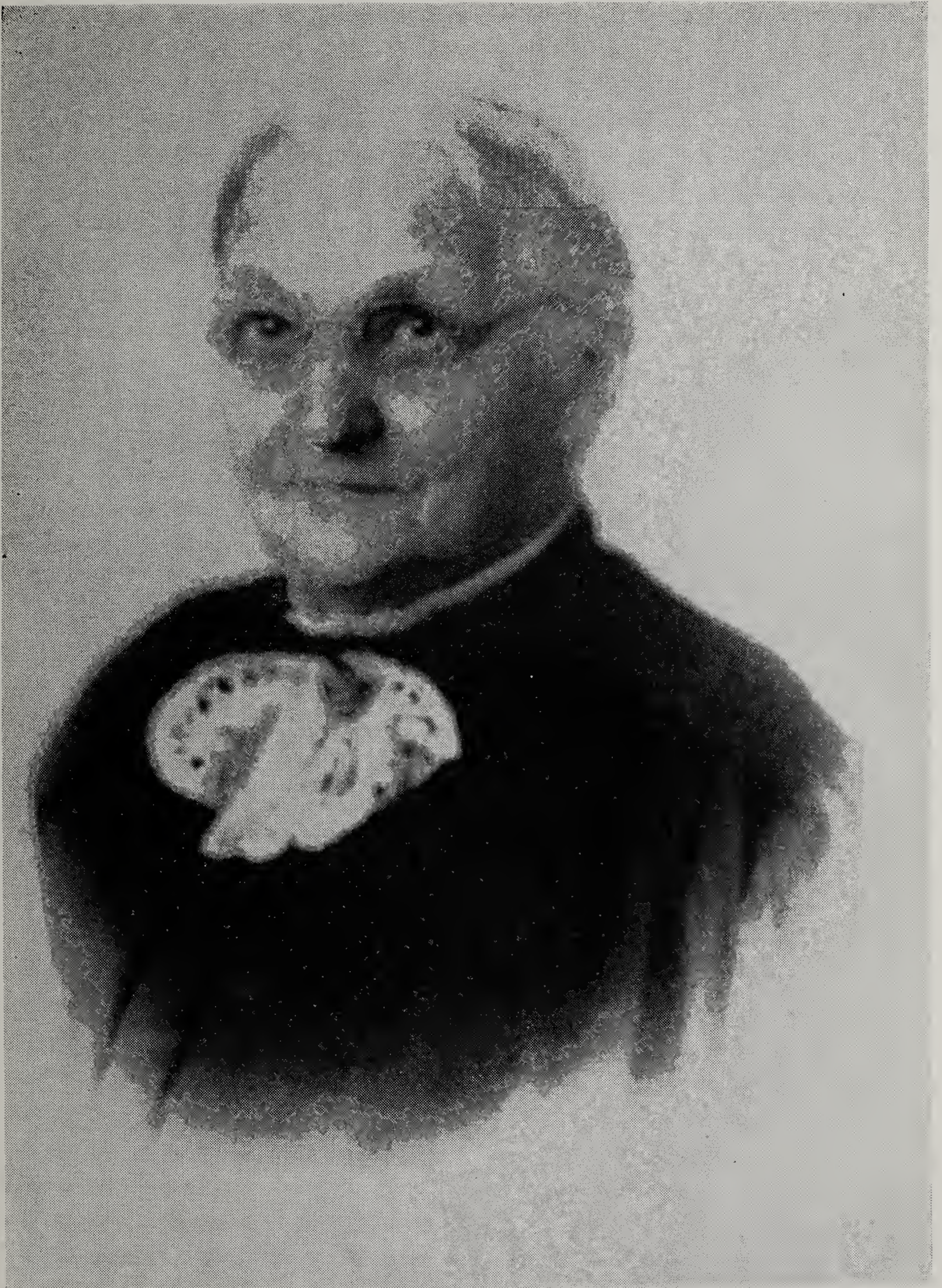
To this end, I present this "scrap-book" in the more durable form of pictorial and printed page. It is not intended as a "family tree", but is a brief story of the Eli Greenville Alcorn, 2nd generation as I knew them—a heritage of which future generations may well feel proud.

NELLIE WEBB ALCORN



ELI GREENVILLE ALCORN, 2ND

An Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon who gained national recognition by his professional skill, being credited by medical authorities as probably the first Eye surgeon in the United States to have performed the operation on the eye known as "complete visceration."



NANCY ALICE BICKEL ALCORN

ELI GREENVILLE ALCORN, 2ND., M. D.

WAS BORN IN ESTEL COUNTY, Kentucky, July, 1844. His ancestors came from Ireland. Dr. Alcorn was the son of Eli Greenville Alcorn, 1st. and Louise Likens. He was a graduate of the University of Louisville, and took special work on the eye, ear, nose, and throat at the Ohio Medical College, of which he made a specialty for the greater part of his medical career.

After his marriage to Alice Bickel, Dr. Alcorn practiced in Hamlin, W. Va., Crown City, Gallipolis, Cincinnati, Springfield, and Columbus, Ohio.

During the years he practiced in Gallipolis, he won local fame in his specialty, patients coming from a large section of southeastern Ohio, and from Kanawha Valley in W. Va. Here he was also active in civic affairs and local organizations.

In masonry he became Eminent Commander of the Rose Commandry; was president of the Gallia County Medical Society and the Ohio Valley Medical Society; coroner of Gallia County; member city council; president of the Board of Education; member Library Trustees; special United States Pension Examiner for the eye, ear, nose and throat; organized and was president for many years of the Gallipolis Savings and Loan Company; and vice-president and director of the First National Bank.

It was in his early practice here also that he attained national prominence by an operation on the eye which he reported at medical societies calling it "Cornectomy", believing it to be a new operation, and which the magazine, "Cincinnati Clinic of Medicine" in May, 1883, and other medical journals, as well as Dr. Casey A. Wood's standard work on "Ophthalmic Operations", on page 580, which gave him credit for being the first to perform this operation, although much later, the same operation was called "evisceration."

Shortly after my husband and I came to Columbus, father Alcorn sold the family home in Gallipolis and he, with mother and Bertha, moved to Columbus. After several years residence in Columbus the "Eli G. Alcorn Prize in Ophthalmology" was established at the Ohio State University—an annual award given to the student making the highest grade in that study, or writing the best thesis. Many students, now physicians in various parts of the country, are proud owners of the award.

Father Alcorn felt he had prolonged his life in taking up from time to time new hobbies. He got much pleasure from training "Bob" his pet parrot and raising homing pigeons on the roof of his garage, where he could watch them from his sun-porch window, and where he met with a

serious accident tending them in their cote, fracturing his hip at 85 and keeping him bedfast or on crutches until his death at 94.

Father Alcorn impressed me as a man of marvelous good humor, sound convictions—outspoken but moderate in all things. There was a spirit of firmness and independence about him, but he was most tolerant and understanding. In no sense was he an austere man. In fact his patience and good humor, in spite of his suffering, were remarkable for one of his years.

MARRIED NANCY ALICE BICKEL

Was born July 31, 1846, in Gallia County, Ohio, near Gallipolis, the daughter of Aaron Bickel, a native of Virginia, and Savanna Catherine Porter, a native of Athens, Ohio.

Aaron Bickel was a young school teacher, but later became a contractor and a manufacturer of brick in Hanging Rock, Ohio. He constructed their own colonial type brick house and the Presbyterian church there. He was one of the building contractors of Marshall College, Huntington, W. V., and the failure at that time of the college to meet its obligations forced him to return to his farm.

Mother Alcorn's mother was a cousin of Admiral David D. Porter, of the United States Navy, and one of Lincoln's close advisors during the civil war. Most of Mother Alcorn's girlhood days were spent in Hanging Rock, near Ironton, Ohio.

Father and Mother Alcorn married in Hamlin, W. Va., September 16, 1869, father practicing there for about two years, later moving to Crown City, and then to Gallipolis, where they raised their large family.

Mother Alcorn undoubtedly had a woman's full-time job "bringing up" her five stalwart sons, even with domestic help, but found time to devote to her church and various benevolences.

Though raised a Presbyterian, she became a devout Methodist and had a life membership in the Home Missions and Foreign Missions, having been one of the organizer's of the former. Having been a teacher herself, she was interested in education and had written several "tracts" and contributed several "pieces" for the "Western Christian Advocate."

She was devoted to her family, and to her duty as she saw it, of visiting the sick and needy in the community and of "bringing the gospel" to them. While deeply religious, she was of a friendly and happy disposition and enjoyed "having fun" with her family.

Edgar tells me that from their earliest childhood she was always "exhort-



Louise Likens Alcorn, mother of Eli Greenville Alcorn, 2nd



Anthony Bickel and Diana Chapel Bickel, grandparents of Mother Alcorn, are the great-grandparents of this generation of Alcorns



The Alcorn family home at Gallipolis



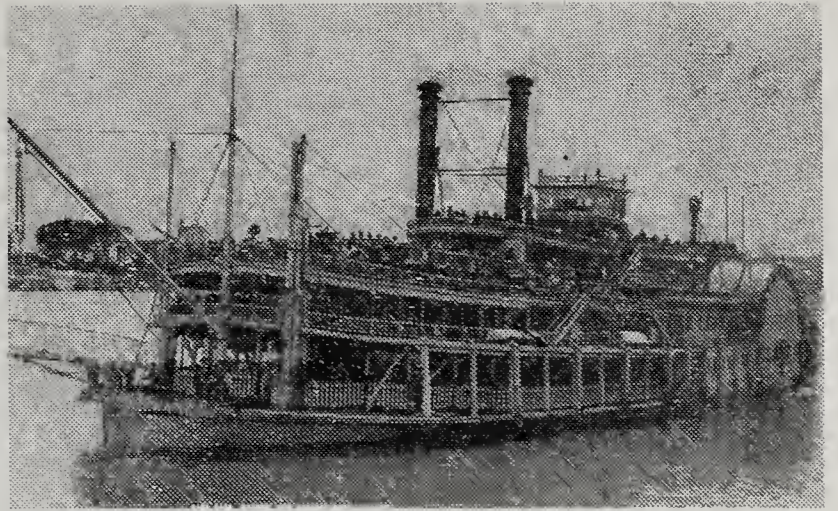
Father and Mother Alcorn in their lonely 14-room home after all had departed, living over the memories of the past



Alice Bickel Alcorn's mother was a cousin of Admiral Porter, one of Lincoln's chief advisors during the Civil War days



Winter scene in the Public Park at Gallipolis



The "Island Queen" landing at the wharf at Gallipolis



The Alcorn family home in Columbus



Main Campus Ohio Hospital for Epileptics at Gallipolis



Typical family reunion. Robert and Edith's family were unable to attend

ing" them to read good books, with emphasis on biographies, and especially the Bible, contending that it was the only firm foundation for a successful and happy life; and she continued such exhortations through life.

"Children, be mannerly and speak softly"; "Don't lounge, walk erect"; "Don't mumble—speak distinctly." These were familiar words of admonition I often heard her express to the "boys", even after they had attained success in their professions, with that affectionate concern of a mother for her "children."

Naturally it was a deadly blow to the family, and especially to Father Alcorn, and caused deep sorrow when mother passed away that Sunday morning, January 26, 1930, after retiring in good health and in the best of spirits.

Mother Alcorn was a sweet and gentle woman—always standing uncompromisingly for the right. I never heard her express the least animosity towards anyone, regardless of their thinking or their hostility towards any of the family. She was the mildest mannered woman I ever knew.

Occasionally nearly everyone is pressured into a fault-finding mood by overwork or business or financial worries, and whenever Father Alcorn fell a victim to one of these moods, Mother Alcorn had a knack of turning it into an amusing incident instead of a matter of contention.

If there was any "fussing" it was entirely the solo work of the "master of the house", and he often took to his office amid the laughter of all, and I am quite sure, in concealed amusement himself.

ALBERT DRUIT ALCORN

BORN IN HAMLIN, W. VA., June 24, 1870, was the eldest son, and was "brought up" in Gallipolis, Ohio. After graduating from High School, he attended the University of Virginia and the University of Cincinnati Law School, from which he was graduated in 1892.

He was City Attorney of Gallipolis when the Spanish War began and served through the war as a private, little thinking he would later be the National Commander-in-Chief of the veterans of that war. After the war he formed a partnership with his brother Robert in the practice of law.

I considered Albert the most versatile man I had ever known. My husband tells me that even as a youngster, he had anything but a one-track mind. He seemed to take a "special" interest, with a desire to excel, in practically every endeavor.

In the outdoors, it was swimming, sailing, canoeing, skating, hockey and polo—all of which he pursued with zeal. For hunting, fishing, baseball and football he had the usual enthusiasm of the average youth, but usually as a spectator only as he became older.

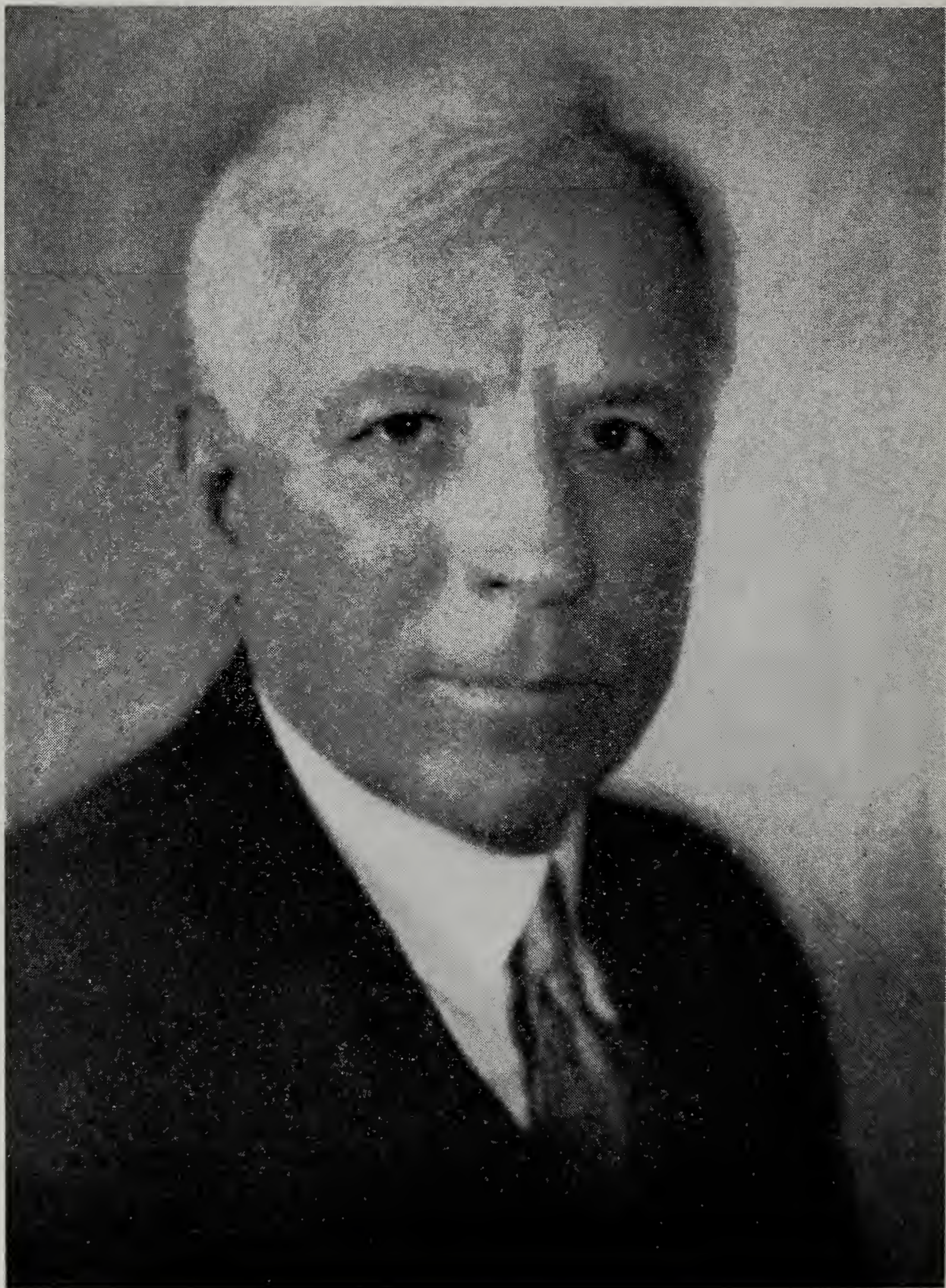
Indoors it was stamp and coin collecting, gymnastics, boxing, chess, checkers, shorthand, photography, dramatics and Shakespeare. In later years his rare moments of leisure were devoted to Masonry, Astronomy, the Opera, of which he was an enthusiastic devotee, and modernistic painting which he took up at the age of 75, without any previous knowledge or talent for the art. At the Ohio Valley Oil and Water Show in March, 1946, held at the Ohio University, one of his pictures, "Cincinnati Water Front" received a prize.

Albert's versatility and aptitude for leadership is shown by his attainments in many important fields.

As a Lawyer, he served a number of years on the executive committee of the State Bar Association; was a member of the American Bar Association, Cincinnati Bar Association, Lawyer's Club; and was **Vice-president of the Ohio State Bar Association.**

As a Mason, he was for many years active in degree work of the Scottish Rite; from 1914 to 1925, he was Sovereign Prince; and in 1922, had the highest honor within the gift of Masonry bestowed upon him when he was crowned **A Thirty-third Degree Mason.**

In Politics, opposing Senator Frank B. Willis, a very popular and renowned power politically, and a potential candidate for President of the



ALBERT DRUIT ALCORN

Gained eminence as National Commander-in-Chief of the Spanish War Veterans of the United States; Judge Advocate General of the Spanish War Veterans; Thirty-third Degree Mason; Vice-President of the Ohio Bar Association; Major in World War I, and an unsuccessful candidate for the Republican Nomination of United States Senator.

United States, he was an unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination of **United States Senator**.

In Military Service, he served throughout the Spanish-American War as a private. With the outbreak of World War I, he was commissioned **Major in the Department of Judge Advocate**.

In War Veterans Organizations, he served as Department Commander for Ohio of the United States Spanish War Veterans, and for "outstanding service" in this department, the "Major Alcorn Camp", Rocky River, Ohio, was named for him; served as Advocate General of the state organization; and in 1923, was elected to the highest office within the gift of the veterans organization **National Commander-in-Chief of the Spanish-American War Veterans of the United States**.

Albert impressed me as being a "typical elder brother", with a kindly concern for the welfare of the others, and there was that inclination to "correct" the small fry of the family, as a father would his own children, probably from the natural role of the elder to "look after" the younger when children.

He was always very generous with his affections, as well as with financial aid, if it was ever needed. In fact all of the boys were that way. He also typified "the lawyer", interesting in conversation, and reminding you of an attorney stating his case to the judge, retaining some of that dignity.

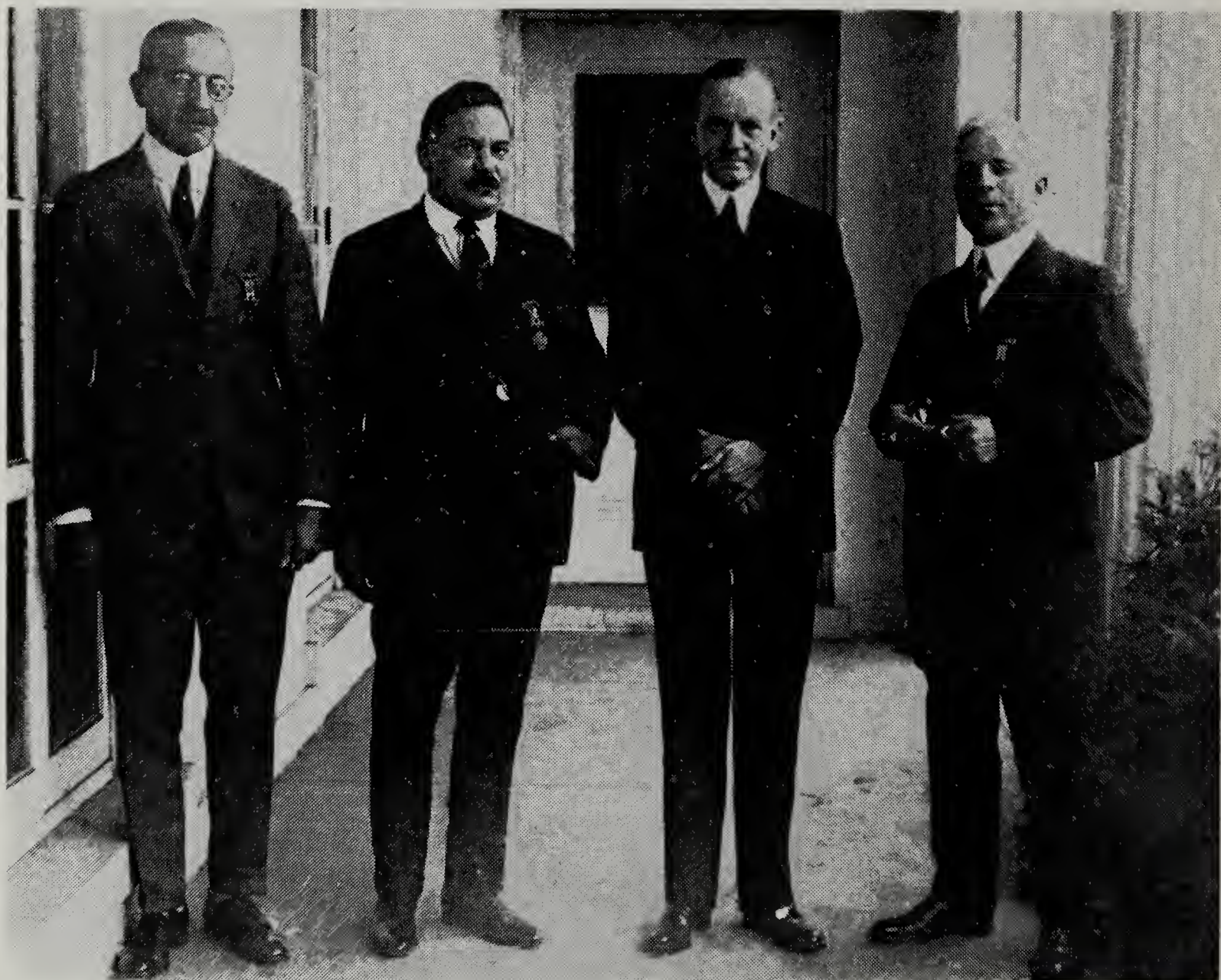
I was also impressed with his absolute integrity, even in small affairs. It inspired that confidence which made me feel absolutely secure with my affairs in his hands if anything should happen to Edgar.

The family was again saddened by his death June 14, 1946, of a heart ailment.

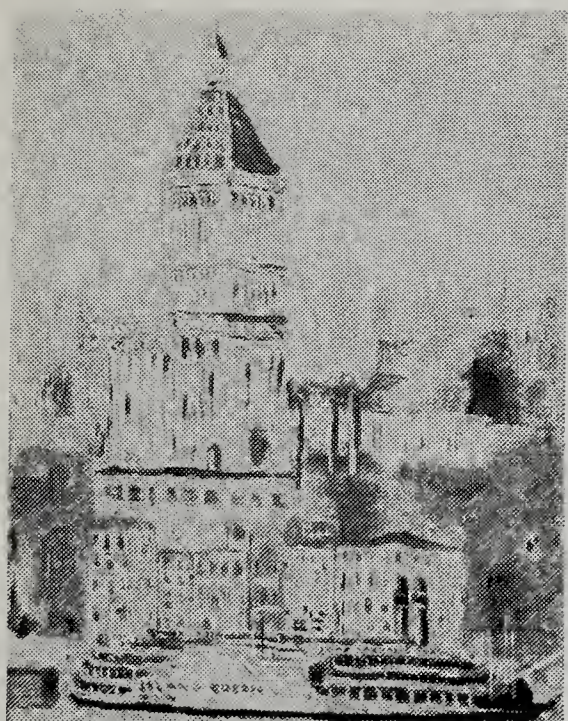
MARRIED CATHERINE VAN HORN

Albert, who we had all about decided was a confirmed bachelor, was married July 25, 1917, to Catherine Van Horn of Paris, Tennessee, in the Avondale Methodist Church in Cincinnati where they were members.

Catherine was a teacher in the Conservatory of Music of Cincinnati. She had that soft Southern accent which blended well with her quiet friendly manner. She always referred to her husband as "Mr. A. D." Catherine though in splendid health, survived Albert only five weeks, when she also died suddenly of a heart attack.



Alexander Frank, Quartermaster General, Ralph Carroll, Adjutant General, Aides to Commander Alcorn, President Calvin Coolidge, Albert Druit Alcorn, Commander-in-Chief of the Spanish War Veterans of the United States



As a Painter



Masonic Medal



Father and Mother Alcorn
and Bertha sitting on the
front stoop of the beautiful
home of Albert D. Alcorn
atop a high cliff in Clifton,
Cincinnati



Albert D. Alcorn as an
astronomer

JOHN BUNDY ALCORN, M. D.

THE SECOND SON, was born in Crown City, Ohio, January 10, 1873, the family moving to Gallipolis when he was six years old. After his graduation from the Academy High School, he decided to choose a business career. His father financed the purchase of a book store which John, with the part-time help of Bertha, successfully operated as the "J. B. Alcorn & Brothers." Soon after, however, John changed his mind and decided to take up his father's profession and disposed of the store.

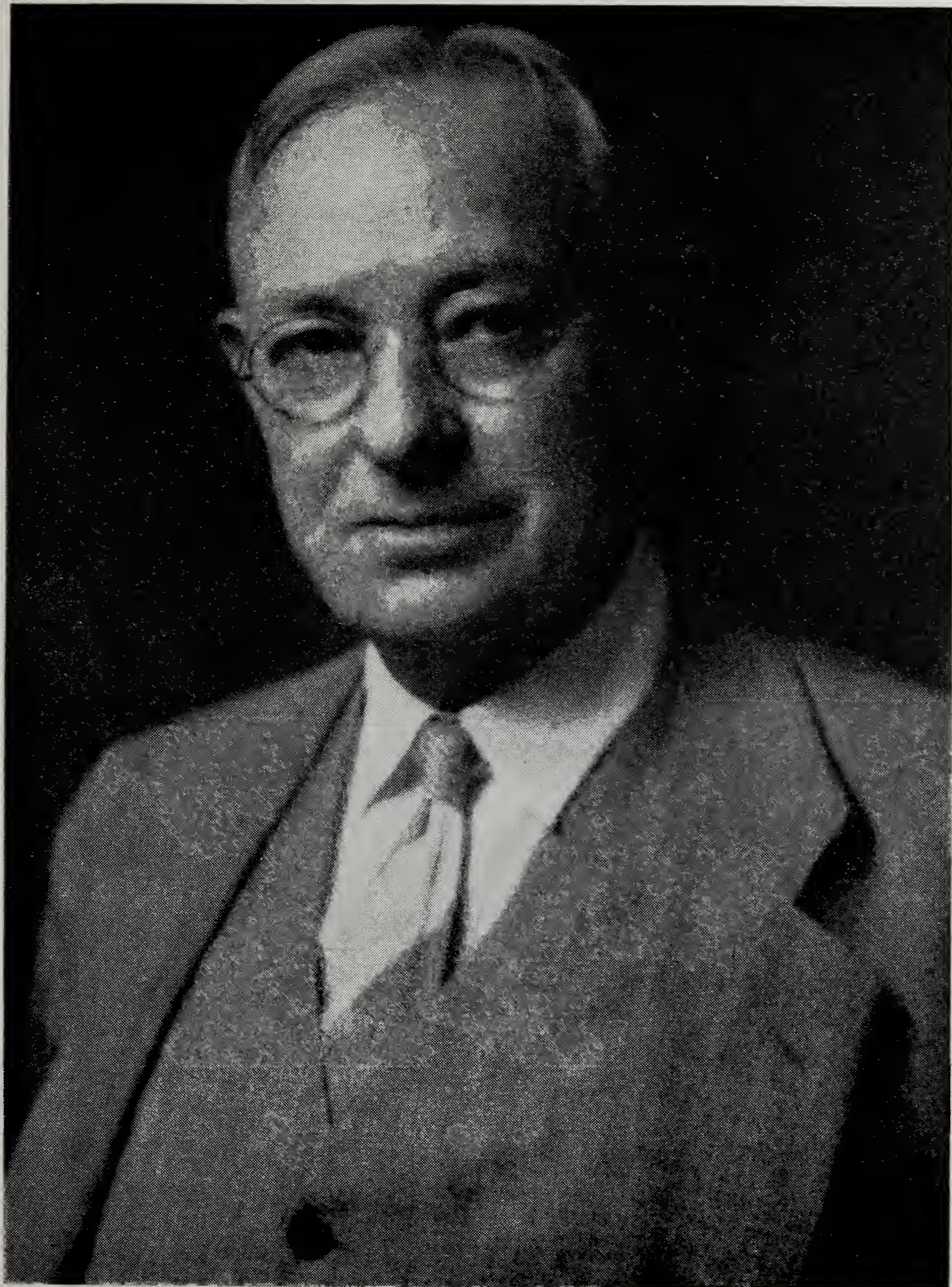
He attended the Ohio Medical College and graduated at the University of Louisville Medical School. He attended the New York Post Graduate School, and did post graduate work in the Manhattan Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Infirmary in New York City. He was also a student in hospitals in Vienna, London and Paris under eye, ear, nose and throat specialists.

In Gallipolis, like his father, Dr. John was a leader in civic affairs. He served in the Spanish-American War as captain in the medical division. Moving to Columbus, he soon became a leader in medical circles there, was assistant professor in the Medical School of the Ohio State University, was past president of the Columbus Academy of Medicine, Columbus Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Association and President of the Ohio State Medical Society.

On June 16, 1942, Dr. John's useful and active life came to an untimely end when he was struck by a High Street trolley bus as he was crossing the street. It was indeed a shock to us all.

Of all of the boys, Dr. John impressed me more of a business type. He was tall and handsome, very congenial and popular in all circles. His experience in his youth as manager of the Alcorn Brothers' book store seemed to have left a hankering for business, as he was always on the alert for promising business deals and investment opportunities.

"The tragically sudden death of Dr. John B. Alcorn removes from the local scene one of the city's fine elder citizens who contributed much to its upbuilding during the more than 30 years he practiced in Columbus. He was highly regarded in his profession and keenly interested in its affairs as evidenced by his leadership in the Columbus Academy of Medicine and the Ohio Medical Association, having served as president of that organization. He will be remembered by thousands who came under his care, many of whom will learn of his passing with a sense of personal loss. Dr. Alcorn had a record of medical service in two wars and of two decades spent as teacher of young physicians in Ohio State University Medical School, in



JOHN BUNDY ALCORN, M. D.

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist attained state-wide recognition in the Medical Profession by his leadership in Columbus and state medical circles, and as manifested by his election as *President of the Ohio State Medical Society*.

addition to his long and busy years as a practitioner of the healing art. No life as full, as active, and as diversified as his could fail to leave a lasting impression on the community in which his most mature years were spent—Editorials from the Columbus Dispatch.

Married Jessie Walton Glover

Dr. John was married December 7, 1898, to Jessie Walton Glover of Alabama, whose mother was the daughter of a former Governor and United States Senator from Mississippi, James L. Alcorn, and who was a second cousin of Dr. Eli G. Alcorn.

To Jessie was born the first grandson, Walton G. Alcorn, who became the idol of the whole family. To them was also born a daughter, Alice Gertrude Alcorn, of whom more is related under "grandchildren."



Home of Dr. and Mrs. John B. Alcorn on
East Broad St.



Reunion at their Broad Street Home

BERTHA GERTRUDE ALCORN

BORN IN CROWN CITY, OHIO, October 15, 1874, during the family's six years residence there, was the third child and only girl in the family. Mother Alcorn said Bertha began to talk when she was nine months old—and in jest the boys never failed to add, whenever the subject was mentioned, and "has never stopped talking since."

In Gallipolis, being an admirer of Warren G. Harding, as the rest of the family were, she became active in politics in behalf of his election to the presidency.

She organized a "Harding Republican Club for Women", and became president of the club. She made speeches and organized Harding Clubs throughout the county. Visiting in Washington sometime after his inauguration as president, she was invited to the White House by Mrs. Harding, who she declared was as unassuming, friendly and lovable as she was in her home in Marion, Ohio.

Bertha was extremely fond of traveling, and after trips to California, Florida, and other sections of the country, went to Europe, touring England, France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Holland and Austria. At 81, just before her death, she was planning another tour of Europe.

Bertha died suddenly after she was stricken at her home, where only Edgar and I were present, having stopped to pick her up to go to dinner at Dr. Garfield's and Helen's home. She was in her usual exuberant spirits, and as soon as we entered, stepped off lively to the kitchen where she collapsed. She died a few days later in Grant Hospital.

In looking over some old scrapbooks I ran across the following clipping from the "Gallipolis Daily Tribune" at the time of her graduation at the Gallia Academy High School:

For good solid sense, her oration stands out prominently, while her manner was modest and unassuming, she was distinctly heard and understood. Her school record is that she was one of the most energetic workers in the class—kind to all and loved and admired by all."

If Bertha was ever unhappy over her sacrificial role of "guarding angel" over Father and Mother Alcorn in their declining years, and her unmarried status, she never showed it in the slightest. Even in her advanced years, she in no sense typified the "old maid." She appeared at all times to be in a happy and contented frame of mind, mingled with plenty of hearty laughter and good humor. She was the only person at 81 I ever knew that had the energy and step of a teenager.



BERTHA GERTRUDE ALCORN

A teacher devoting her time to education and literature. She was always interested in politics, but became active in behalf of Senator Warren G. Harding for President of the United States, organizing "Harding Republican Clubs for Women", making speeches throughout the county. She was a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University where she was a member of Alpha Xi Delta.

EDGAR GREENVILLE ALCORN

BORN DECEMBER 4, 1876, in Crown City, Ohio, was the fourth child. Edgar might have been Eli Greenville Alcorn, 3rd., but his father did not like his first name because in his school days he was often called "Get there Eli", as a sort of a nickname.

Coming to Gallipolis when he was two years old, graduated at the Academy High School, and the following summer entered the First National Bank as messenger, and became assistant cashier soon thereafter, although he was not long out of his teen-age.

He took a lively interest in the usual outdoor sports, such as baseball, football, boxing, etc., but usually had to be content with merely watching contests from the sidelines and not as a participant because of a "shortness of breath."

In 1900, though not particular fond of travel, Edgar took a trip to Europe when assistant cashier of the bank, with a friend, Joe Moch, who is now president of that bank, touring in England, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany.

Edgar says he resigned from the bank in Gallipolis because, like many boys in a small town, he thought there was bigger opportunities in the city—and he had his eye on New York city especially, or one of its suburbs—but more particularly because he thought some of the "hometowners" might think his advancement in the institution would be attributed to the influence of his father who was the vice-president.

He wanted to be entirely "on his own", and took a minor position in the Bank of Montclair, N. J., as it was a suburb of New York city. After a year there he decided to take a course of lectures on Banking Law, and attended the New York Law School in 1902 and part of 1903. He then went to the Lincoln Trust Company, but two or three months later decided he did not like "city banking" at all, and longing for the more leisurely life of a small town and a "nice little bank" where he would be in complete management and leading a "fuller life", soon found himself completing the organization of the First National Bank of Hopedale, Ohio, a small town near Pittsburg, which he served as cashier for eight years. It was there he wrote his first book, "The Duties and Liabilities of Bank directors." He completed the book before he was twenty-five, but it was not published till two or three years later. While cashier of the Hopedale Bank, he was elected to the Executive Committee of the Ohio Bankers (Group 8) Association. It was here, too, that he met his Waterloo and married me.

Later, a longtime friend who was editor and publisher of an outdoor magazine in Columbus, induced him to come to Columbus and be the



EDGAR GREENVILLE ALCORN

Drew attention nationally and internationally by his books and articles on banking, and by his authorship of texts used in the American School of Banking, of which he was president and in which students were enrolled from every state and most foreign countries. For eight years he was also *National Farm Loan Association Examiner*.



We liked
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favorite



Reunion at "Ed's
and Nellie's" at
their residence on
Bryden Road,
Columbus



Our farm and permanent home of 100 acres,
"Webbwood"



Ed with a pet lamb and a pet
pig in his arms, with a pet
sheep following him



Even our cows were all pets but
one, and each had a name

advertising manager of the magazine. I think he was motivated to some extent to accept the offer because it offered a larger field for me in my music.

After a year or more there, he decided he wanted to be on his own again, and organized the American School of Banking as a corporation and wrote all of the texts required for a complete course in practical banking.

Of this course the leading magazine published for bankers, the "Bankers Magazine", New York city, had this to say:

"The fact that Edgar G. Alcorn is the author of the course is all the evidence needed that it represents the highest standard of instruction. Having contributed many excellent articles on practical banking topics to the 'Bankers Magazine', Mr. Alcorn is quite well known to our readers. He is also author of several books on banking."

A former president of the American Bankers Association said of him: "I have known Mr. Alcorn for a number of years and he comes from one of the best families of the state." In the "Ohio State Journal" of June 3, 1952, appeared the following comment:

"Edgar G. Alcorn has won international attention with his book, 'Bank Teller: His Job and His Opportunities.' A French banking journal, the 'La Reveude la Banque', recently gave a full page discussion of the book and expressed regret that a similar book did not exist in the French language.

The war reduced enrollments in his school for a time, and it was discontinued, Mr. Alcorn accepting an appointment as National Farm Loan Association Examiner, and after eight years of government work, resigned and went into the stock and bond business, but the depression had reached the point of putting established brokers out of business, and after a year we purchased our farm home of 100 acres, where we have since resided, and which Edgar suggested we call "Webbwood" in honor of my parents.

Mr. Alcorn is listed, with a biographical sketch, in the "American Blue Book of Biographies", the "American Journalist and Author Blue Book", and the "Archives of American Biography."

MARRIED NELLIE WEBB

Edgar and I were married September 16, 1908, at Steubenville, Ohio, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Coe, who were longtime friends of the Webbs, and Mrs. Coe had lived in Gallipolis where Father Alcorn was her family physician. We resided in Hopedale, however, where my parents, Reverend Henry Webb and Anna Mokol Webb also lived. He was the Presbyterian minister there.

I studied piano at the Steubenville Seminary, Wooster College, and Pennsylvania College for Women, later taking up organ there also. I have served the following churches as organist: North Methodist, Indianola Presbyterian of Columbus, William Street Methodist of Delaware, and am now playing at the Riverside Methodist at Upper Arlington, Columbus.

ROBERT SEBA ALCORN

THE FIFTH CHILD was born in Gallipolis, Ohio, October 12, 1878, graduated from the Gallipolis Academy High School, and immediately entered the Cincinnati Law School, University of Cincinnati, where he graduated.

He was with several of the leading law firms of Cincinnati, and was Assistant General Counsel of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Later he joined his brother, Albert D. Alcorn, in the practice of law.

In its issue of December 22, 1934, the "Cincinnati Times Star" stated: "He was in many noted cases of public interest. One of the earliest was the suit, knocking out the \$2,500,000 bond issue for a new public library . . . Alcorn won the Calerdine alienation-of-affections case, obtaining a verdict of \$85,000. It was the largest verdict of the kind up to that time. . . . One of the greatest legal triumphs was a verdict of approximately \$250,000 for the heirs of the Thompson estate at Harrodsburg, Ky."

The "Cincinnati Post", in its issue of December 22, 1934, stated: "Mr. Alcorn's appearance in court, even in undramatic cases, was always exciting, for he had a ready tongue and a keen wit. With well-turned incisive phrases, he made life uncomfortable for opposite lawyers and witnesses under cross-examination, yet there rarely was any malice in his attacks; his most devastating offenses were delivered with a broad smile. Observers sometimes felt Mr. Alcorn fought more for fun than for principles . . . Mr. Alcorn wore a wing collar, string bow tie, soft hat and a black suit. His stiff, blond pompadour seemed appropriate to this stocky fighting man."

Robert died suddenly of a heart attack December 22, 1934, following the death of his mother. It was the second break in the family circle, and a very sorrowful one, as he was looked upon as the most brilliant one of the family.

He seemed so kind and gentle and so considerate, not only of his own family, but to everyone, and his ever congenial good nature endeared him to all of us. His consuming interest centered in his family and the law, and his personal concern for those less fortunate.

Robert had a natural, easy manner—modest and unassuming, but a very forceful personality. Many amusing stories were injected into his conversation, not of the variety of jokes usually picked up here and there, but usually amusing incidents and situations encountered in his law experience.

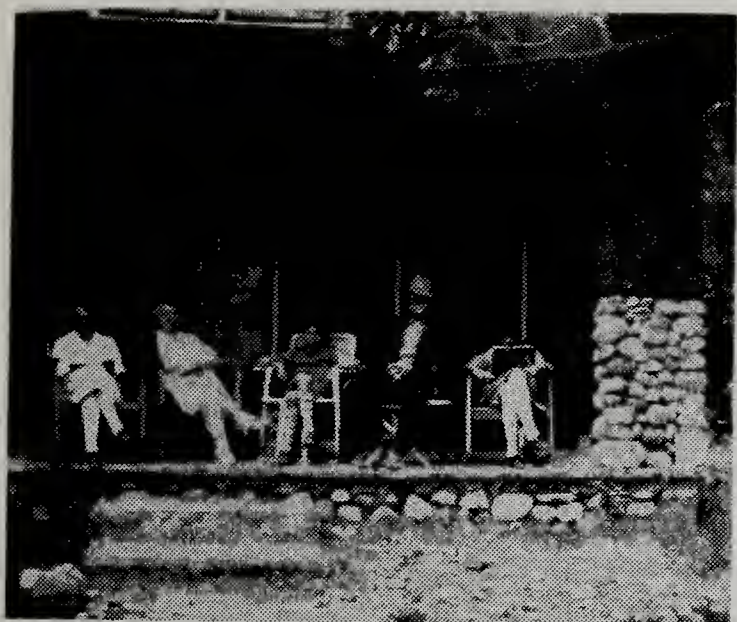
MARRIED EDITH LINDDELL MAISCH

Robert married Edith Linddell Maisch, daughter of Mr. Andrew Maisch and Elizabeth Maxwell Linddell who were pioneer residents of Bond Hill, Cincinnati. Edith was his secretary when with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. They had two sons, Robert, Jr., and Eli, and one girl, Janet, of whom more is related under "grandchildren."



ROBERT SEBA ALCORN

Won state-wide prominence in the legal profession by his outstanding success at the Cincinnati Bar and as a power in Republican politics for a generation, but never sought or would accept any political office.



Robert's and Edith's summer cottage in Northport, Michigan



Reunion at their suburban home of 20 acres in Bond Hill, Cincinnati



Cincinnati home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alcorn

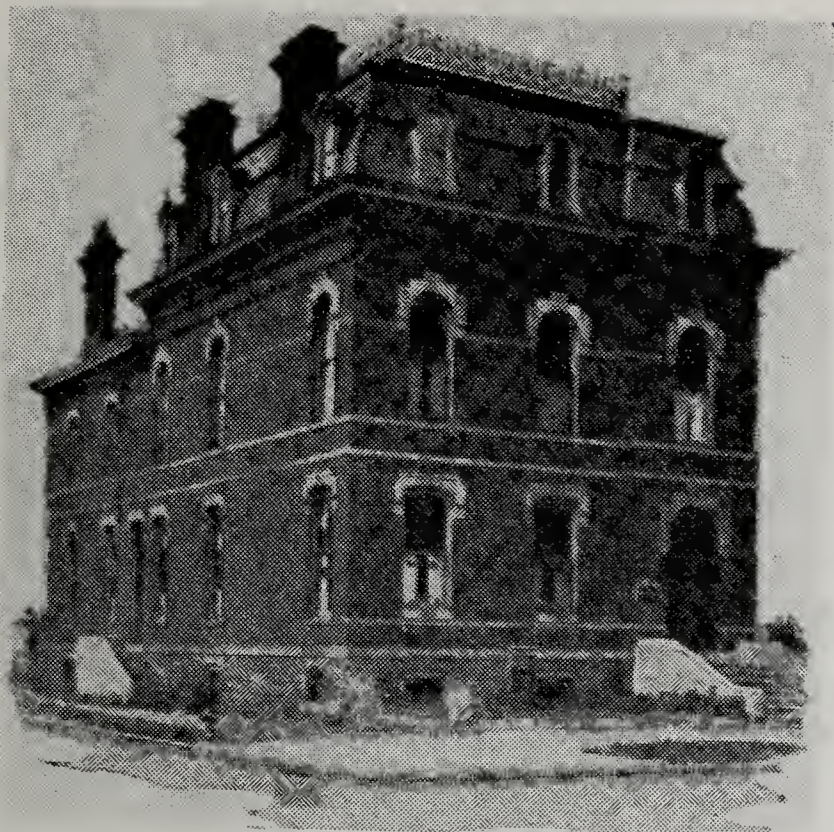


An inside picture of the reunion

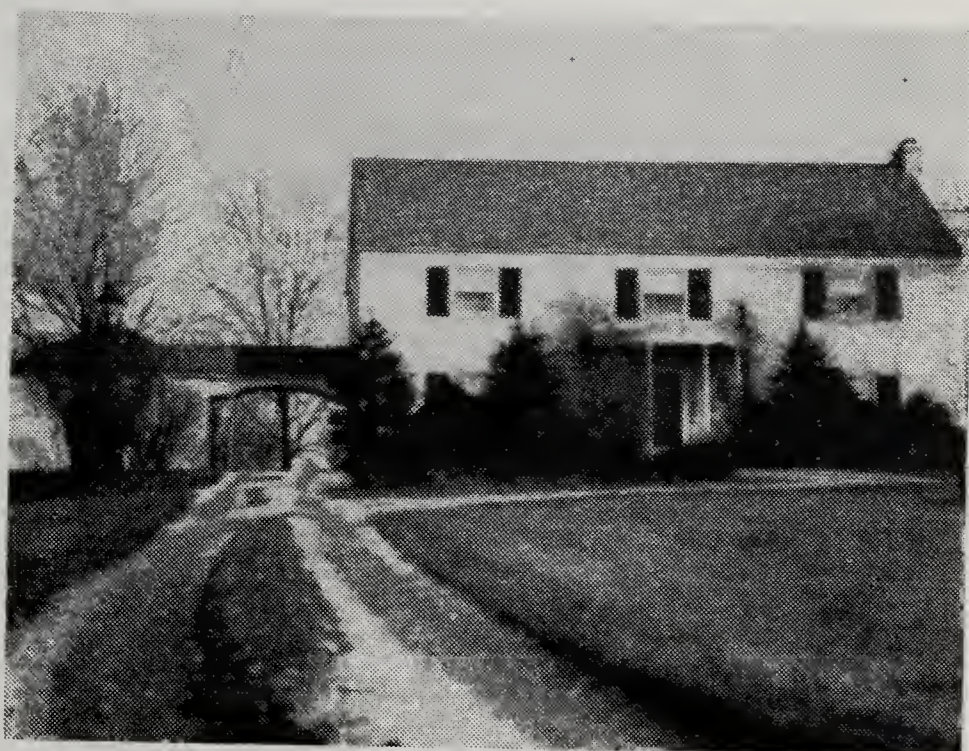


JAMES GARFIELD ALCORN, M. D.

Achieved prominence as an eye surgeon after establishing the Alcorn Eye Hospital, the first hospital in Columbus devoted exclusively to the treatment of the eye, ear, nose and throat. During World War I he served as Captain in the Red Cross Hospital at Paris and as Surgeon Li Ambulance de L'Ocean at Panne, Belgium, specializing in eye work under distinguished European surgeons.



Alcorn EYE Hospital on
Town St.



Home of Dr. and Mrs. J. Garfield
Alcorn of 10 acres in Columbus



Dr. J. Garfield Alcorn and
Hospital staff

JAMES GARFIELD ALCORN, M. D.

BORN ON MARCH 7, 1881, was the fifth boy and the sixth child. After graduating from Academy High School, he entered the Miami Medical College of the University of Cincinnati, and after four years there received his M. D. degree several months before he was legally old enough to practice in Ohio.

After two years of general practice, he was appointed physician at the Ohio Hospital for Epileptics, and several years later, physician at the Ohio Penitentiary at Columbus. Later he entered general practice again in Columbus, following in the footsteps of his father and older brother John. He conceived the idea of starting an Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, but his brother was not in favor of it, as he did not feel it could be a profitable venture.

So professionally they went their separate ways, Dr. Garfield establishing the Alcorn Eye Hospital in the three story brick building at the corner of Main and Sixth streets, and his brother taking a suite of offices at the Hartman building. Both made outstanding successes in their separate ways, and Dr. Garfield is still operating the hospital.

Prior to starting the Alcorn Hospital, during World War I, Dr. Garfield served as Captain in the American Red Cross Hospital in Paris and as Surgeon Li Ambulance de L'Océan of Panne, Belgium. On his return he was in demand for addresses before many church and other organizations.

During his practice, he designed a new tonsil artery forceps, and several other surgical instruments described in one of his articles in the "Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Journal."

Dr. Garfield was the most jovial of all the boys. He was usually the life of the family reunions and social gatherings and attended any of us in hours of illness, no matter how slight, with devotion and oblivious to his professional obligations.

MARRIED HELEN PUGH

Dr. Garfield, just before his departure for Europe, married Miss Helen Pugh, daughter of Judge M. and Mrs. Elizabeth Bradley Pugh, a pioneer family of Columbus. Locally Helen was one of the most prominent musicians in Columbus, serving as vice-president and manager of the Symphony Club of Central Ohio, for many years.

She was an accomplished concert pianist, having played as soloist with the Minneapolis, Cleveland, Rochester, Philadelphia, and St. Louis Symphony orchestras. She studied piano in Chicago and Cincinnati, and continued her studies for five years in Vienna and Berlin.

The Grandchildren

WALTON GLOVER ALCORN

WAS THE FIRST CHILD of Dr. and Mrs. John B. Alcorn, and the first grandchild in the Eli Greenville Alcorn family, born in Gallipolis, Ohio, June 1, 1900. He is also the great-grandson, on his maternal side, of one-time Governor and United States Senator of Mississippi, James L. Alcorn.

At 18 he joined the U. S. Navy, Landsman Electrician Radio. While practicing law, he joined the U. N. Force. Was in the African Invasion Force, Safi Africa and off Tokyo USS Nantahala, Nantahals A. O. 60.

He is a graduate of Ohio State University, and became the Assistant Manager of the "Ohio State Journal", Ohio's leading morning paper, and is now practicing law in Columbus. He married Mary Magnonat, a native of Missouri, and is now residing at their home on Franklin Park. They have no children.



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Walton Glover Alcorn, Franklin Park, South, Columbus



Walton Glover Alcorn, Attorney-at-Law, Grandson of Eli Greenville Alcorn, 2nd., and Great Grandson of James Lusk Alcorn, one time Governor and U.S. Senator from Mississippi



James Lusk Alcorn

ALICE GERTRUDE ALCORN

THE YOUNGER of Dr. John's two children was born in Gallipolis, Ohio, November 30, 1901. She married Edgar Thurston Wolfe, the only son of Robert F. Wolfe, a leader and power in state and national politics, and who with his brother Harry, have controlling interest in the two leading newspapers of the state, the "Columbus Dispatch" and the "Ohio State Journal", also three weekly publications, "Columbus Dispatch Tab", "Columbus Star", and "Columbus Dispatch Sunday Magazine." They also have controlling interest in the Ohio National Bank, one of the largest banking institutions in the state, with its chain of banks throughout the state, the Ohio Company, one of the largest investment corporations in the state, the BancOhio Corporation, a bank holding company, the radio station WBNS, and several thousand stores or agencies of a chain of "Wear-U-Well" shoes.

Not long after Alice's marriage, Edgar's father died, leaving him to take over his father's interests in the Wolfe Industries. The Ohio Legislature, out of respect of his memory, recessed the entire day for his funeral. Later Alice and Edgar were divorced, and after several years she was married to Ray Lind, a prominent and very successful bachelor of Columbus, which after many years has proved to be a very happy "match."

ROBERT SEBE ALCORN, 2ND

Was the first born of Robert and Edith Alcorn in Bond Hill, Cincinnati, September 9, 1910. He was graduated at the Medical School of the University of Cincinnati after his graduation at the Hugh's High School in Cincinnati. He chose Pediatrics as his professional speciality, taking two years of hospital work in the University of Texas, Dallas.

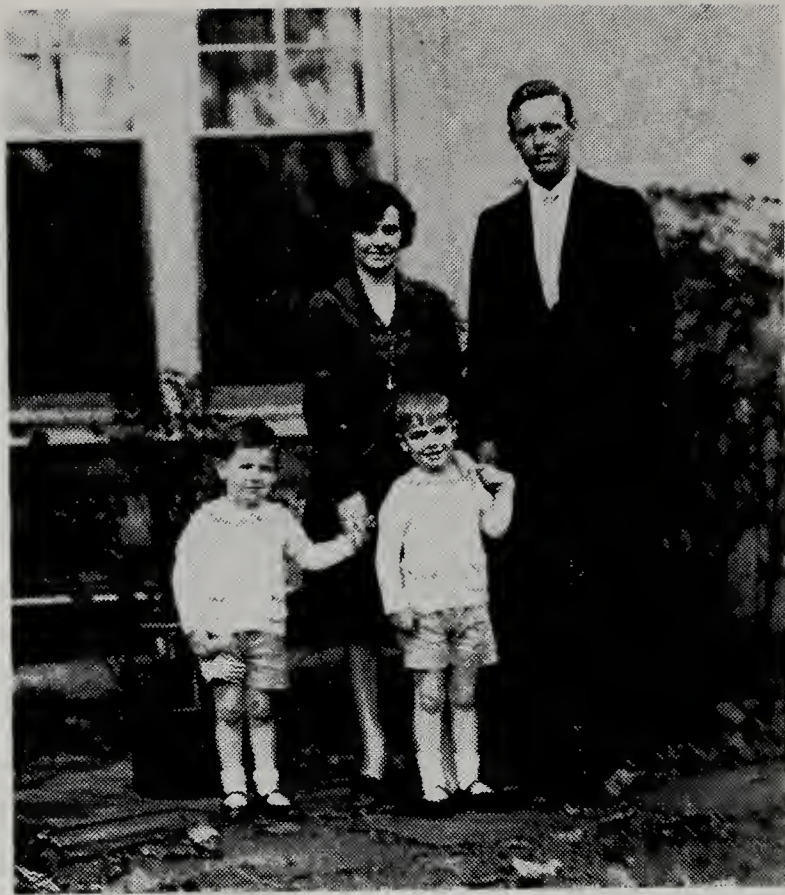
Robert, Jr., was married to Bettie Bauer, and they have two children, Holly and Joe. (They lived in Texas for several years, and now live in Denver, Colorado, where they recently built their home and a clinic.)

JANET ALCORN

Second child of Robert and Edith, Janet was born in Bethesda Hospital, Cincinnati, April 23, 1913. She attended Hughe's High School there and graduated at the University of Cincinnati. She studied law, and was admitted to the Cincinnati Bar, and married Dr. Carl Wagner. They have one child, Gretchen, and reside at 330 Warren Street, Cincinnati.

ELI GREENVILLE ALCORN, 3RD

Robert and Edith's third child was born in Cincinnati, March 19, 1915. He did not follow his grandfather Alcorn's footsteps, however, and become a physician. Instead he chose the profession of his father and became a lawyer, after graduating at the University of Cincinnati. He practiced in Cincinnati for about a year with his Uncle Albert, was in the Air Force, and married Millie Conant of Dallas, Texas, who has extensive oil interests there. They enjoy boating, flying, and traveling, living for the most part in their magnificent home in Dallas. However, they spend long vacations at their summer "cottage" on the beach near Northport, Michigan.



Alice Alcorn Wolfe, her two boys, Robert F. and Edgar T., Jr., and Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, spending the week-end with them at their Broad Street home



Residence of Alice Alcorn Wolfe in Bexley



Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lind (Alice Alcorn Wolfe)

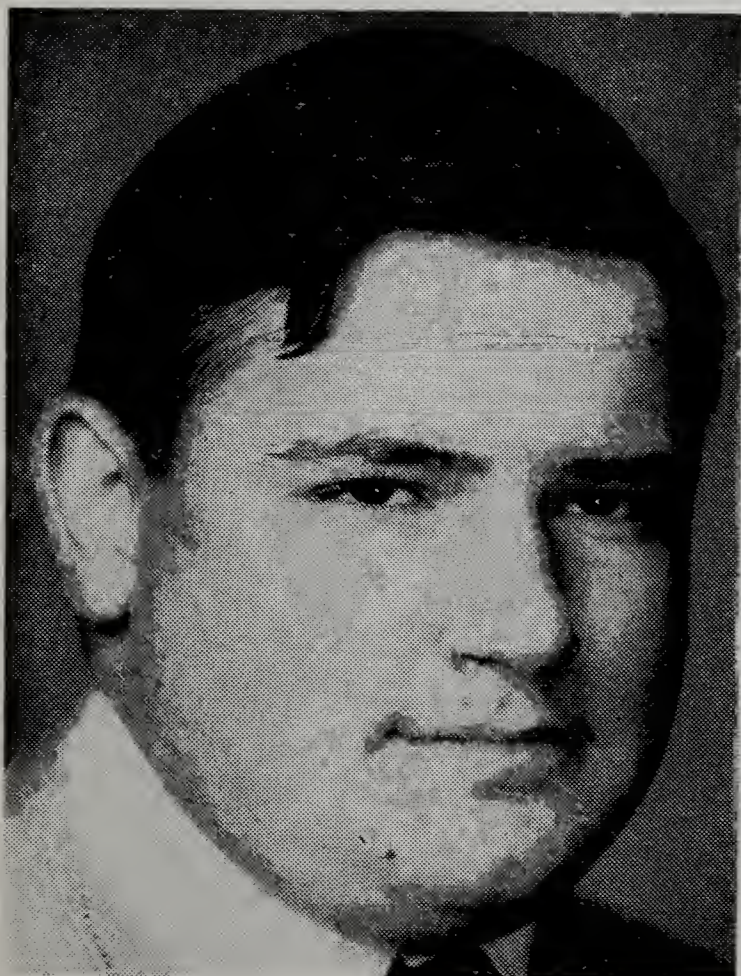


Alice and her "two boys," now the heads of the Wolfe Industries

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Edgar T. Wolfe, 2nd



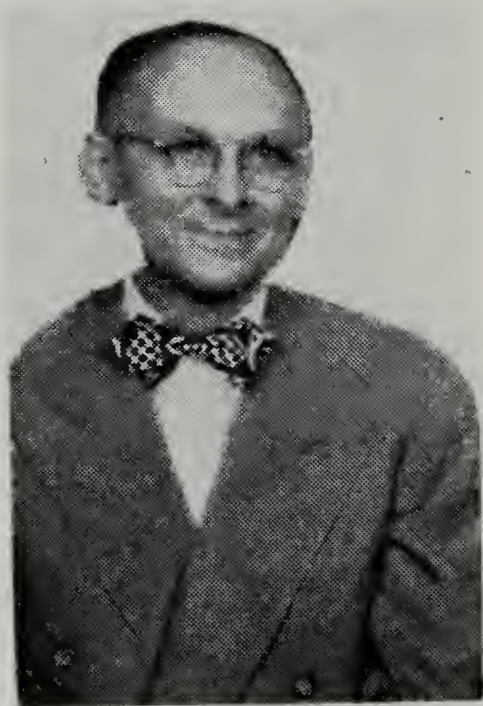
John Walton Wolfe



Residence of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Sebe Alcorn, 2nd in Denver, Colo.



Jo and Holly sledding



Robert Sebe Alcorn,
2nd., M.D.

The Clinic

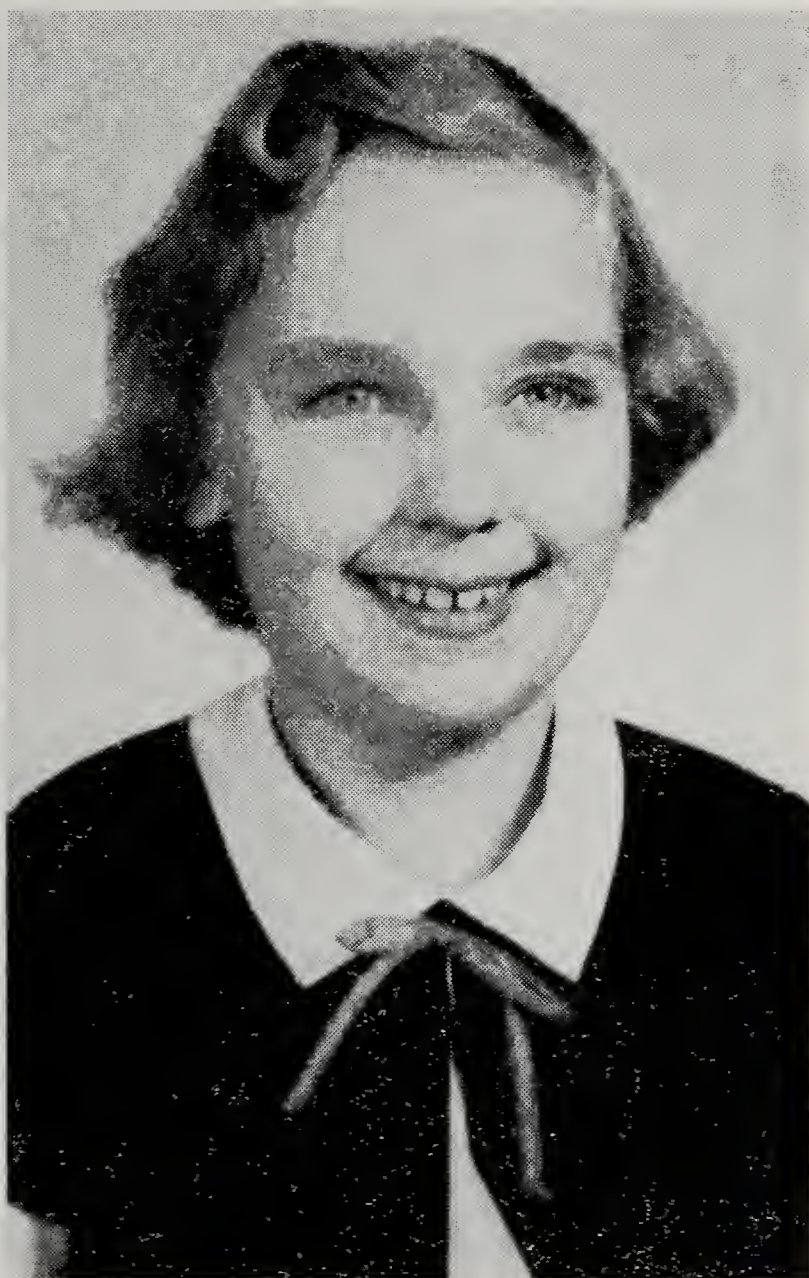


But Betty is enjoying the sunshine with them here





Janet Alcorn Wagner



Gretchen Alcorn Wagner, Aged nine years



Residence of Janet Alcorn Wagner, 330 Warren St., Cincinnati

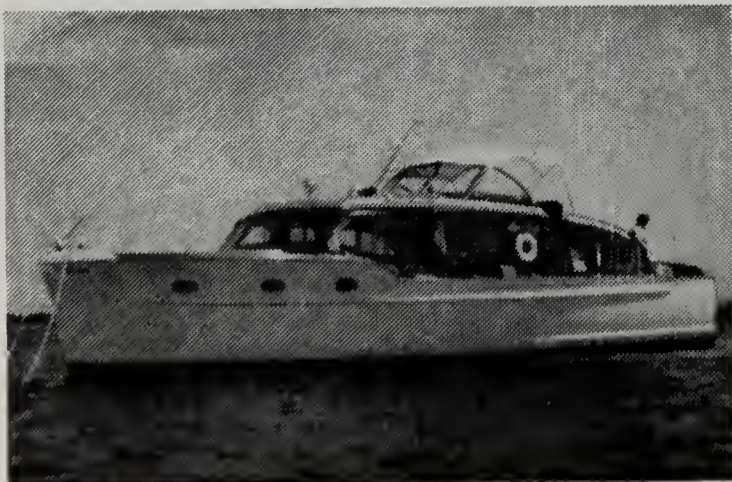


Their summer cottage in
Northport, Mich.



Mr. and Mrs. Eli Greenville Alcorn, 3rd

Their Yacht



Their Airplane



The Great Grandchildren

Alice Alcorn and Edgar T. Wolfe had four children—Robert F. Wolfe, 2nd., who was the oldest, met with a tragic death in an automobile accident near Delaware, Ohio, when returning from a week-end visit to his mother in Columbus, to the Ohio Wesleyan University, where he and his brother Edgar were ROTC students. Edgar was injured in the accident, but recovered.

Robert was a kindly, pleasant, and understanding youngster, who by his unassuming, democratic and friendly personality endeared himself, not only to his fellow students, but to everyone who knew him. Alice's second son, Alcorn Wolfe died in infancy; her third son, Edgar T. Wolfe, Jr., is now married to Carolyn Rulham and her fourth son, John W. Wolfe is married to Jo An Wallace.

(Edgar T. Wolfe, Sr., having died February 2, 1957, Edgar T. Wolfe, Jr., and John Wolfe, the only surviving sons of Edgar T. Wolfe and Alice Alcorn have now taken over the management of the Wolfe Industries.

The third and fourth of the great grandchildren are the son and daughter of Robert S. Alcorn, 2nd., and Bettie Bauer.

The fifth grandchild is Gretchen Wagner, the daughter of Janet Alcorn and Dr. Carl Wagner, shown on page 37.

The Great-Great Grandchildren

The only great-great grandchildren up to the present time are on the Wolfe side through the marriage of Alice Alcorn and Edgar T. Wolfe, Sr., and their sons Edgar T. Wolfe, Jr., and his wife, Carolyn Rulham and John Walton Wolfe and Jo Ann Wallace.

Edgar's children are as follows:

Elisa Wolfe, born October 9, 1948.

Edgar T. Wolfe, III, born June 4, 1950.

Amy Rulhorn Wolfe, born November 17, 1955.

Andrew Barton Wolfe, born October 18, 1957.

John's children are as follows:

Ann Michele Wolfe, born January 23, 1951.

Robert Frederick Wolfe, born April 18, 1952.

Victoria Glover Wolfe, born September 6, 1955.

Douglas Baker Wolfe, born September 9, 1957.

Anthony and Diana Chapel Bickel, the grand mother of Alice Bickel Alcorn, mother of Dr. John B. Alcorn, whose picture appears on page 9, are therefore the great-great-great-great grand mother of these Wolfe children on the maternal side. (E. G. A.)



Reverend
Henry Webb
when he
entered the
ministry

The Author
NELLIE WEBB
ALCORN

Anna Mokol
Webb



THE AUTHOR

I was lying on the hospital bed wondering if this was it. The doctor had entered me there the night before because of a liver ailment. Although I was close to eighty, I never before had been a hospital patient.

My wife had called to visit me that afternoon, and when she saw me with that rubber hose in my nose for draining the gall bladder and the instrument attached to my wrist for feeding through the veins, she probably thought the last heroic measures were being resorted to to save my life, which must have been a deadly shock to her, for she spoke only a few whispered words, then collapsed at my bedside. She never fully recovered consciousness.

It was a bleak, dismal Monday afternoon when the doctor came to my bedside and announced the dreaded news. I was stunned—bewildered. It seemed the world itself was swallowed up beneath me and left me in dark clouds.

My whole married life had been built around my beloved wife. She was truly the sunshine in my life for nearly fifty years; and now my future seemed enveloped in darkness. Never again would I hear that cheery and encouraging voice, feel that soft, firm touch, or experience that beautiful companionship of nearly fifty years.

After over two years of being alone, except for the companionship of our tiny Pomeranian dog, Chi Chi, and our big husky boxer, Impy, for both of whom Nellie had a great fondness, I am glad I remained alone in our home, for I felt a nearness to her that I never could have felt elsewhere, and it enabled me to get back to normal thinking and to ponder the many adjustments necessary to future living in a world so different without her.

When my wife first suggested the idea of this "family scrapbook" of the present generation of Alcorns, in type and pictures, I thought it was an extremely generous gesture on her part, and I regret she did not live to see the culmination of her idea. Little did she think she would be the subject of the final chapter.

(After Nellie's death, a few additions have been made to bring it up to date with the growth of the family.)

E. G. A.

Mrs. Alcorn's Memory Honored

"The Symphony Club of Central Ohio has received a contribution from Mrs. Alexander P. Hammond of New York City honoring the memory of Mrs. Edgar G. Alcorn, long prominent in music circles in Columbus and Delaware.

The contribution was made to the Memory Fund, established to honor supporters and former active workers of the club. Mrs. Hammond, formerly Mrs. Frederick A. Miller of Columbus, was a charter member and executive officer and one of the main supporters for many years.

Mrs. Alcorn, formerly in charge of program advertising, was also active here in the Woman's Music Club and the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists as a member of the executive committee . . . At the time of her death she was the organist of Riverside Methodist Church in Upper Arlington. *Columbus Dispatch*.

Mrs. Edgar Alcorn Has a Busy Life In the Country

"If the half of what I hear about the activities of Nellie Webb Alcorn is true, she certainly has a good time coming to her at Cape May, N. J., where she is vacationing.

Mrs. Alcorn, prominent in Columbus music circles for years, has played a church organ since she was nine years old with a remarkable continuity of service, broken only by family deaths and customary vacations . . . Sunday is anything but a "day of rest" for Mrs. Alcorn. Probably few people in her congregation (for she seldom speaks of it herself) when seeing her composedly seated at the organ console for morning service, realize that preliminary to her appearance in church, she may have "personally" milked one or two of her favorite registered Jersey cows, driven a distance of 22 miles, and perhaps "run over" some of her numbers. Then there is the hurried trip back home for dinner, with the same program in the afternoon as a prelude to her evening service—a trip of nearly 90 miles and two services for the day! But it is just the regular routine for Mrs. Alcorn, whether it is a hundred in the shade or sub-zero weather . . . Mrs. Alcorn has a decided penchant for "barnyard" music—the ensemble of bleating lambs, mooing cows, gobbling turkeys, et cetera, as well as the inborn taste for the classic. She, with her husband, a former banker and writer, moved from their home on Bryden Road several years ago, making their 100-acre farm their permanent residence. Incidentally, I have heard that Clark Gable was a frequent visitor to Mrs. Alcorn's Sunday school

class at Hopedale, Ohio, a number of years ago.—From "Society Side-lights" in *Columbus Dispatch*.

Mrs. Alcorn was the subject of the following feature story in the "Delaware Daily Gazette" of July 16, 1948:

Church, Music, Home Keep Mrs. Edgar Alcorn Busy

While Mrs. Edgar Alcorn has lived in the vicinity of Delaware for a number of years, her interests and activities were centered in Columbus until about three years ago when she became organist of the William Street Methodist Church . . . She studied organ two years in Columbus and two years in Pittsburgh with Dr. Napier, son-in-law and pupil of Frederick Archer of Oxford, England, who in his day occupied a foremost place among the organists of the world.

Besides being a church organist and church secretary, a member of several clubs and other social activities, Mrs. Alcorn is also a housewife. She says, "I don't know that I am any busier than the average housewife who has children. She has the real job. While I do not dislike household responsibilities, being "on my own", and doing things "on the outside" has always been more or less intriguing to me." . . . Although the Alcorns now live on a farm four miles south of Delaware, neither Mr. or Mrs. Alcorn was raised on a farm, but, says Mrs. Alcorn, "we both lived in the country at one time, and having a taste for simple diversions, became enamored of the farm and its community life.

Besides being an organist, Mrs. Alcorn is an accomplished pianist, having received her musical education at the Steubenville Seminary, Wooster College, and the Pennsylvania College for Women, receiving gold medal honors there for "superior excellence on the piano." . . . Mrs. Alcorn states that her chief diversions are, "Just doing things, I guess. You might call my favorite "pastimes" listening to news commentators, meet the press, Ohio State football games, Columbus and Cincinnati baseball games, Hyatt's basketball games, and tuning in on the major boxing matches—the latter, some might think, a little on the "low brow" side for a woman, but satisfying to my love of contest. I also take a special interest in Clark Gable's pictures because he often came to my Sunday School at Hopedale. Also of James Stewart because I once lived in his home town of Indiana, Pa.

Mrs. Alcorn is a member of the Woman's Music Club. Advance Club, and other organizations of Delaware, and Mr. Alcorn is a member of the Kiwanis Club. Both are members of the William Street Methodist Church.

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